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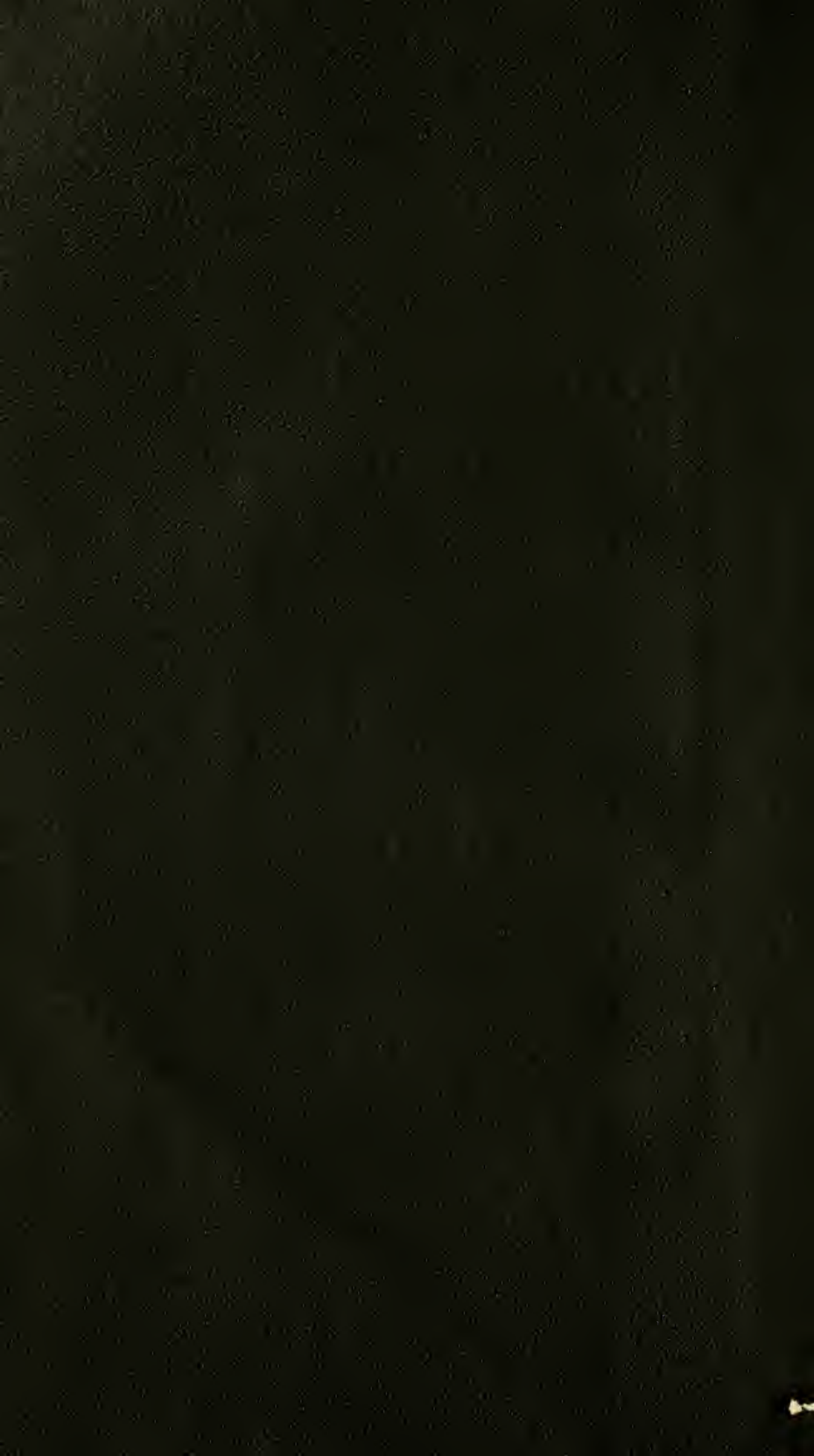


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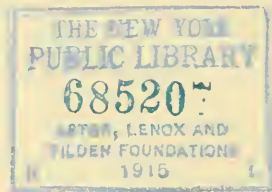
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PREFACE



OWING to the shifting of population, and general conditions that prevailed in the early history of Georgia, very little attention was given to family history and traditions, more than the record of deaths and births in the family Bible, consequently I have been unable to secure much information otherwise than from this source.

I was fortunate in having the old Rogers' Family Bible, published in 1815, containing records that could not have been obtained elsewhere. REUBEN ROGERS, Sr., was living at least ten years after the acquisition of this Bible by his family. I am indebted also to Miss Sarah D. Hubert's genealogy of the CODY family, for some facts here recorded.

I had some correspondence recently with a gifted Georgia lady who bears our family name. We could not trace kinship, but she wrote this: "The Rogers family of North Carolina are all said to be descendants of John Rogers, the martyr."

At the February term of court, 1752, Northampton County, N. C., the will of JOSEPH ROGERS was probated. The legatees were: JOHN, JOSEPH, AARON, ISOM, REUBEN, and FAITH ROGERS. It is quite a reasonable conjecture that REUBEN ROGERS, Sr., was the same as above; he was at that time seventeen years of age.

No other merit is claimed by the author of this little volume, save an honest effort to place on record such facts as the family of today would appreciate, and which he believes will be treasured by others, when with us, the ramble of life has long since ended.

THE AUTHOR

REUBEN ROGERS, Sr.

REUBEN ROGERS, Sr., was a soldier of the Revolutionary War, having served in the command of Colonel Elijah Clarke, and took part in the memorable battle of Kettle Creek.

He was born in Northampton County, N. C., November, 1, 1735, and about six years after his marriage to Temperance James, which event took place December 15, 1767, immigrated to Georgia and settled in Wilkes County on Williams Creek. This location at present is in the extreme northern part of Warren County. He died there in 1829, having lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years. He was once captured by the British, and held as prisoner of war about six months at Augusta, Ga.

His name is on the roster of Revolutionary soldiers, and on the monument to the soldiers who fought in the battle of Kettle Creek; and further proof of his services is attested by the Land Grant Books in the office of the Secretary of State at Atlanta, Ga.

He reared a large family, and their names appear elsewhere in these chronicles, the same having been copied from the old Rogers' family Bible.

REUBEN ROGERS was a trustee of Amsden Academy, on Williams Creek, December 18, 1827. As REUBEN ROGERS, Sr., was at that time ninety-two years of age, I think this must have been his son, REUBEN ROGERS, Jr.

TEMPERANCE JAMES ROGERS

Wife of Reuben Rogers, was born August 24, 1751. They were married December, 15, 1767.

JOHN ROGERS

Was the first born of Reuben Rogers, Sr., and Temperance James, and the date of his birth, April 25, 1769. He was married to Nancy Swain in 1802. He owned a mill near Crawfordville, and while some repairs were being made on same, he was accidentally killed. He left three children; THOMAS, ABNA and CENA. Thomas married at Warrenton and was the father of Mrs. Dr. Walker and John Rogers, Abner and Cena moved to Florida, John Rogers to Texas.

FAITH (FADA) ROGERS

Was the second born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James. She was born May 19, 1771, and married a Mr. Darden. She had a daughter, REBECCA, born November 2, 1796. She was never married, and spent her latter years in the home of her cousin, Marion M. Cody. She died November 21, 1862.

MARY ROGERS

Was the third born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, and the date of her birth was October 28, 1772.

CLARY ROGERS

Was the fourth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, and the date of her birth was August 11, 1774.

NANCY ROGERS

Was the fifth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, and the date of her birth, March 3, 1776. She married Mr. Saxon. He died at sea.

THEIR CHILDREN

- (2) WILEY SAXON, born April 30, 1798. Died January 19, 1814.
 - (2) TEMPERANCE J. SAXON, born May 16, 1800; died September 24, 1839. Married Elias Wilson, July 8, 1823.
 - (2) ELIZABETH DAVIS SAXON, born March 18, 1802.
 - (2) NANCY WILKINSON SAXON, born August 14, 1804. Married Wm. C. Swain.
 - (2) LOUISA SAXON, born May 27, 1807.
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TEMPERANCE SAXON

Was the second wife of Elias Wilson.

THEIR CHILDREN

- (3) JOHN WILSON, married Mary Roberts, of Warrenton, Georgia.
- (3) JAMES WILSON, married Miriam Amelia Paschal.

- (3) AMANDA WILSON, married Dr. Ellington Cody Hawes,
Wrightsboro, Georgia.
- (3) ALETHIA WILSON, married George T. Carr, of Covington,
Georgia.
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Elias Wilson was four times married. His fourth wife was Elizabeth (Emerson) Rogers, the widow of Reuben Rogers, Jr.

CHILDREN OF NANCY WILKINSON SAXON
AND WILLIAM SWAIN

WILEY W. SWAIN
THOMAS H. SWAIN
JOHN R. SWAIN
R. S. SWAIN
JAMES P. SWAIN
R. J. SWAIN
SUSAN SWAIN
ELIZABETH SWAIN
TEMPERANCE SWAIN
MARGARET SWAIN

PHOEBE ROGERS

Was the sixth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, and the date of her birth was January 15, 1778. She married Frederick Brown and survived him. They had no children.

TEMPERANCE ROGERS

TEMPERANCE ROGERS was the seventh born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, and the date of her birth was October 21, 1780. She was born at the old Rogers' Homestead, on Williams Creek, in Warren County, Ga. She was the second wife of Thomas Lockett, and they lived in Warren County until his death, the husband in 1842, she in 1846, at Beuna Vista, Ga.

They reared four sons: THOMAS, CULLEN, REUBEN and

SOLOMON. Reuben, Thomas and Solomon moved to Texas. They also reared three daughters: CHLOE, BETSY and REBECCA.

REUBEN ROGERS, JR.

REUBEN ROGERS, Jr., was the eighth born of Reuben Rogers, Sr., and Temperance James, and the date of his birth was September 10, 1782. He was married to Elizabeth Emerson in 1810, and died in Warren County, Ga.

ELIZABETH EMERSON ROGERS afterwards married Elias Wilson, of Thomson, Ga. There was no issue by this marriage.

CHILDREN OF REUBEN ROGERS, JR., AND ELIZABETH EMERSON

- (3) ELIZABETH COOK ROGERS, married Mr. Murden.
- (3) MARY HENSON ROGERS, married Rev. R. V. Asbury.

CHILDREN OF R. V. ASBURY AND MARY HENSON ROGERS

- (4) REUBEN ROGERS ASBURY, married Cassie B. Darden.
- (4) T. W. ASBURY, married Mary Susan Darden.
- (4) SARAH E. ASBURY, married Dr. J. S. Beasley.
- (4) NANCY REID ASBURY, married Edward W. Evans.
- (4) SIMEON D. ASBURY, killed at Richmond, Va., in Civil War.
- (4) RICHARD V. ASBURY, died in prison during Civil War.
- (1) EDWIN WHITFIELD EVANS was born October 4, 1828.
- (1) NANCY REID ASBURY was born April 11, 1839.
They were married October 3, 1852.

THEIR CHILDREN

- (2) LULA EVANS, born July 6, 1853; died September, 1877.
Married William Abner Darden, May 7, 1870.
- (2) ARTHUR EVANS, born August 14, 1857; died October, 1865.
- (2) EDNA EVANS, born November 6, 1861. Married William Abner Darden, June 23, 1878.
WILLIAM ABNER DARDEN was born May 7, 1848; died August 26, 1897.

CHILDREN OF LULA EVANS AND WM. A. DARDEN

- (3) CASSIE LOVE, born January 2, 1871; died March 27, 1894.
Married John Filmore Pierson, October 20, 1890.
- (3) WILLIE LOU, born August 6, 1872. Married Gustus
Alonzo Hagan, January 18, 1900.
- (3) NANCY MORRIS, born July 6, 1874; died October 20, 1888.
- (3) EDNA REID, born January 17, 1876. Married Thomas
Murray Curry, October 31, 1899.

CHILDREN OF EDNA EVANS AND WM. A. DARDEN

- (3) ARTHUR, born March 25, 1879. Married Adrene Alice
Scarbrough, September 18, 1900.
- (3) EMMIE, born November 13, 1881. Married Walter Mc-
Farland Hampton, November 20, 1902.
- (3) WM. ABNER, born November 25, 1883.
- (3) BUNNIE, born April 5, 1886. Married Hubert H. Mont-
gomery, December 19, 1907.
- (3) JOSEPH JOHNSON, born December 16, 1889.
- (3) EDWIN ASBURY, born March 14, 1892.
- (3) WESLEY ROGERS, born December 13, 1894.

JOSEPH ROGERS

Was the ninth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James,
and the date of his birth, February 9, 1784.

The Rogers home was at that time in Wilkes County, but
in 1794 Warren County was formed, and this territory became
part of same. He was married to Frances Gardner, January
1820. He died at his home near Barnesville, and his widow
afterwards married a Mr. Stafford.

THEIR CHILDREN

THOMAS LAWRENCE ROGERS, married Georgia Rebecca Mc-
Michael.

GUSTAVUS ROGERS, went West about 1850.

REUBEN ROGERS, married Eliza Collum.

STERLING ROGERS, married Helena Willis.

ELIZABETH ROGERS, married Benjamin Fryer.

(Reuben also went West about 1860).

CHILDREN OF STERLING ROGERS AND
HELENA WILLIS

JOSEPH J.
WM. THOMAS

CHILDREN OF THOMAS L. ROGERS, SR.
AND GEORGIA McMICHAEL

JOSEPH S. ROGERS, born February 2, 1855.

First wife, Jennie D. White.

Second wife, Elizabeth Mauk.

JOSEPHINE A. ROGERS, born April 13, 1856. Married Mathew W. Williams. Died 1911.

MARIETTA E. ROGERS, born February 18, 1858. Married James M. Persons.

FANNIE B. ROGERS, born June 23, 1860. Married Dr. William R. Haire.

EMMA ROGERS, born April 10, 1862. Married Bartow Williams.

GEORGIA REBECCA ROGERS, born September 9, 1866. Married Benjamin Turner.

THOMAS L. ROGERS, born February 25, 1870. Married Julia Catherine Nelson.

NETTIE ROGERS, born December 11, 1872. Married Col. Wm. P. Wallis.

GUSSIE ROGERS, born February 15, 1875; died June 3, 1879.

LULA ROGERS, born October 7, 1830. Died April 24, 1882.

REBECCA ROGERS

Was the tenth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James. She was born, January 2, 1786, and was married to Michael Cody, January 18, 1818, and according to a statement made by Drew Rogers, a kinsman, "no man ever had a better wife." They lived at the old Cody homestead, five and one-half miles East of Warrenton, Ga., but after the death of her husband, for the sake of better school advantages for her children, she bought a place three miles nearer Warrenton on the same thoroughfare, this being the old Federal Road to Augusta. She died at this place, December 5, 1851.

ABNER ROGERS

The eleventh born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, was born, October 19, 1783. Have no account of his marriage. He was once Sheriff of Warren County, Ga.

CULLEN ROGERS

The twelfth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James, was born, May 7, 1790, and married his cousin, Jane Womack. She was daughter of Sherwood Womack and Nancy Rogers. They moved to LaGrange, Ga., or near there.

ASENATH ROGERS

Born, November 11, 1792, was the thirteenth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James.

SARAH ROGERS

Born, October 15, 1794, was the fourteenth born of Reuben Rogers and Temperance James. She married Josiah Swain, and moved to Marion County, Ga. They died there, and their descendants moved to Texas.

It seems to be well authenticated that one of the daughters died in young womanhood. I am unable to say which one.

COPIED FROM THE OLD ROGERS BIBLE

MARRIAGES

REUBEN ROGERS and Temperance James	December 15,	1767
JOHN ROGERS and Nancy Swain		1802
REUBEN ROGERS, Jr. and Elizabeth Emerson . . .	August 3,	1810
JOSEPH ROGERS and Frances Gardner		1820
MICHAEL CODY and Rebecca Rogers	January 18,	1818
JAS. M. WELLBORN and Louisa A Cody	May 9,	1839
MARION M. CODY and Rachel English	December 3,	1839
J. M. CODY and M. E. Cheely	January 16,	1845
M. D. CODY and Frances Carr	February 24,	1852

BIRTHS

REUBEN ROGERS, Sr.	November 1,	1735
TEMPERANCE ROGERS	August 24,	1751
JOHN R. ROGERS	April 23,	1769
FADA ROGERS	May 19,	1771
MARY ROGERS	October 28,	1772
CLARY ROGERS	August 11,	1774

NANCY ROGERS	March 3,	1776
PHEBY ROGERS	January 15,	1778
TEMPERANCE ROGERS	October 21,	1780
REUBEN ROGERS, Jr.	September 10,	1782
JOSEPH ROGERS	February 9,	1784
REBECCA ROGERS	January 2,	1786
ABNER ROGERS	October 19,	1788
COLLIN ROGERS	May 7,	179
ASENATH ROGERS	November 11,	1792
SARAH ROGERS	October 15,	1794
WILEY SAXON	April 30,	1798
TEMPERANCE SAXON	May 16,	1800
ELIZABETH DAVIS SAXON	March 18,	1802
NANCY WILKINSON SAXON	August 14,	1804
LOUISA SAXON	May 27,	1807
MARIAN CARY	August 18,	1822
NEWTON CARY	December 14,	1824
TEMPERANCE SWAIN	October 4,	1819
STEPHEN JAMES SWAIN	December 25,	1820
JOHN THOMAS SWAIN	April 3,	1823
JOSIAH THOMAS DARDEN	June 13,	1824
MARTHA ANN BAKER	February 26,	1822
MARION M. CODY	December 3,	1818
LOUISA AMANDA CODY	August 5,	1820
TEMPERANCE SOPHRONIA CODY	October 30,	1821
JEPHTHA M. CODY	January 15,	1823
M. D. CODY	September 27,	1824

DEATHS

TEMPERANCE ROGERS	April 9,	1819 -
WILEY SAXON	January 19,	1814
FADA DARDEN	April 15,	1810
REBECCA CODY	December 5,	1851
MICHAEL CODY	March 8,	1832
TEMPERANCE SOPHRONIA CODY	September 20,	1822
LOUISA AMANDA WELLBORN	October 26,	1862
JEPHTHA M. CODY	January 21,	1864
M. D. CODY	January 25,	1875
MISSOURI E. CODY	October 26,	1849

MICHAEL CODY, was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, April, 1768.

About 1790 he immigrated to Warrenton County, Ga., settled on Briar Creek, and in 1792 was married to Mary Hodo, his first wife, by whom he had five children. Her death occurred July 8, 1816.

CHILDREN of MICHAEL CODY and MARY HODO,
(His first wife.)

JAMES CODY, born October 5, 1793.

MARY CODY, born 1795.

PETER CODY, born February 4, 1798.

ELIZABETH CODY, born January 1, 1803.

GREEN CODY, born July 29, 1805.

JAMES CODY, married Mary McCormick, September 11, 1817. She was daughter of John and Sarah McCormick. They moved to Early County, Ga., 1837. They had fourteen children.

MARY CODY, married James Gray, and reared one son, MADISON. They lived at Grays, Ga. Madison Gray left a valuable estate which he gave to Mercer University. He had no family. He represented his District in Congress.

PETER CODY, married Louise Tucker, daughter of Isaah Tucker, of Warren County. They moved to Albany, Ga., early in life. They had nine children; all married.

ELIZABETH CODY, married Thomas Neal. Had six children: MARY, SAMUEL, AMANDA, JEHU, LUCRETIA and MADISON.

GREEN CODY was never married.

On January 18, 1818, MICHAEL CODY was married to his second wife, Rebecca Rogers, a daughter of Reuben Rogers. By this union there were four children that lived to maturity: MARION MICHAEL, the eldest, was born, December 3, 1818.

Married Rachel English, December 3, 1839. Died June 23, 1901.

LOUISA AMANDA, second, was born August 5, 1820. Married James M. Wellborn, May 9, 1839. Died, October 26, 1862.

JEPHTHA MELTON, was born January 15, 1823. Married Missouri Eliza Cheely, his first wife, January 16, 1845. Married Amanda Malvina Carr, his second wife, March 11, 1851. Married Julia Latimer, his third wife, 1859. His death occurred, January 24, 1864, at his home, Covington.

MADISON DERRELLE, the youngest, was born September 27, 1824. Married Francis Carr, February 24, 1852. Died January 25, 1875.

My paternal great-grandfather, JAMES CODY and his wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Womack, came to America early in the eighteenth century. They were from Ireland and landed in Virginia. They were accompanied by his two brothers, and according to Miss Sarah D. Hubert's complete genealogy of the CODY family, one of them went to Canada, one to some place in Ohio, also by her brother, Sherwood Womack, who afterward married Nancy Rogers, also a sister, Sicily Womack, who married Harris McFarland. In religious affiliation, JAMES CODY and his wife were Episcopalians. Some of the most prominent families of our Southland are lineal decedents of this couple.

My Grandfather brought but little with him in worldly goods when he came to Georgia, but by industry and frugality, became one of the wealthiest planters of the county. He owned many slaves, and his plantation, five and one-half miles east of Warrenton, on the old stage road, and mostly north of same, embraces practically all the land between this thoroughfare and the Warrenton-Columbia Road, with Briar Creek as western, and Gin Branch as eastern boundary, the residence being situated perhaps a mile back. The old house was still in existence when I was a lad, though at that time, was tottering to its fall. A rock-walled perpetual spring of water was situated near, in a northwestern direction; a small stream flowed near on the north side.

Uncle Marion, the first-born of the family, inherited this place about 1850, built a large and substantial residence on the aforesaid Federal Road about the crest of the hill between Briar Creek and Gin Branch. He lived to be past eighty years of age, and with the exception of a few years at the close of his long and useful career, remained on the old plantation. He was a model Christian citizen, and was deacon in the Warrenton Baptist Church about forty years.

Uncle Marion's favorite diversion in life up to middle age, and in fact after this period, was camp fishing and fox hunting. He kept a pack of well trained hounds. They accompanied the negroes to the fields, and employed their time during the day chasing rabbits. They enjoyed this sport during the day, but it was only when they heard the hunter's

horn at night that their joy was complete, their long howls, rivaling the notes of the horn in volume and length of duration, were at once in evidence. They perfectly understood that a crowd on horseback after night meant fox chase.

The camp fishes were planned ahead and participated in by some of the neighbors. At the appointed time they came together, having supplied themselves with the necessary requisites; the objective point being a distant millpond or other place where fish were plentiful. The "old iron works" was a favorite resort, about ten miles distant. There was great fun going and coming, and the two or three days spent at the fishing grounds were of almost unalloyed pleasure.

He owned many slaves, all of whom I think were family negroes and came to him either by inheritance or birth. I remember that upon one occasion he gave expression to his views upon the subject of slavery, and alluded to one of its worst features as being the separation of man and wife, sometimes brought about by unusual conditions.

Some of the negroes I was very fond of, and I spent many happy days on the old plantation with my two cousins, Jep and Taylor, and some of the negro boys who usually accompanied us, and who took part in and enjoyed our youthful sports quite as much as ourselves.

A favorite sport with us, was rabbit hunting, and I have never known any section where they were so numerous.

I recall an incident in connection with the old Cody Spring; I had a gold cased English watch that had been the property of my Father in his life time; in stooping to drink I dropped it in the Spring. Some time elapsed before it was missed, when some one suggested that we go back to the Spring, which we did, and to my joy, found it clicking away as if nothing unusual had occurred. Watches in those days were wound with keys.

Distinctly I recall the circumstances leading up to the death of my pet fox, Billy. I had arrived the day before, bringing him with me. The next day we went out rabbit hunting, and as usual, after clearing the barnyard precincts I loosed him, allowing him to trot along with me. We became separated during the day and I was unable to find him. It

may have been that the "call of the wild" was responsible for his disappearance, or possibly some "Lorelei" of the reynard species may have lured him to his doom, but I prefer to give him the benefit of any doubt and believe he was lost by accident, and being in strange territory was unable to find me. We made an effort next day to trail him with the hounds, hoping to capture him alive, but he was overtaken in a dense swamp, and before we could rescue him, Billy had breathed his last.

I believe it will be admitted that the best test of Christian character and the genuineness of a man's faith in God, is evidenced by the fortitude shown when he knows the day of his approaching dissolution is near. Uncle Marion, in the decline of life, went to Penfield, Ga., the home of a daughter, Mrs. Anne Boswell, to spend the short remnant of his closing years, herself one of the noblest of women, and surrounded by everything necessary to his material comfort and well being.

In conversation with members of the family after his decease, they related the following incident as occurring a few days previous to his death: There were a number of children in the neighborhood of whom he was very fond. One day he called Anne to his bedside and requested that she take a sum of money from his purse and buy some confections for a little party that he wished to give his young friends. She did as bidden, arranging the dining room for the occasion, and it is needless to add, they enjoyed it very much.

After the repast was over, he had them come to his bedside, one by one, and upon the head of each he laid his feeble hand and gave his blessing.

"AUNT RACHEL."

Aunt RACHEL ENGLISH CODY was the lifelong faithful wife of Uncle Marion. Her father, Aaron English, a substantial citizen of the country, lived out a few miles from Warrenton. As a lad, I often visited the home of Uncle Marion and always loved Aunt Rachel.

She belonged to that type of noble, self-sacrificing Christian women who, by patient continuance in well doing, looked to the final reward.

She died January 16, 1894, and was buried in the family lot. Her grave is marked.

AMANDA LOUISA CODY.

My father's only sister, Aunt AMANDA, was second in order of birth. Her husband, James M. Wellborn, amassed a considerable fortune, and maintained an opulent home at Warrenton. She was a noble woman and possessed of much natural beauty.

The two beautiful homes of the Wellborn brothers, with their ample surroundings, might be said to have constituted the southwest corner of Warrenton. The village ended here and their lot extended back some distance. Their fronts opened out into a park of several acres, the Baptist Church, of which they were members and among the chief supporters, being located in same.

I am unable to say who improved these two places, but they were evidently people of culture and refinement. There was a dancing pavilion. The flower yard was large, beautifully laid off and well cared for. There was a little summer house on either side covered with climbing roses, orchards and vineyards were also in evidence. The original structure has since that time been destroyed by fire.

At the death of my stepmother, which occurred at Covington about 1857, she took myself and sister, and was a mother to us for some time and I learned to love her very

I can never forget the kindness shown our family after my father's death, about the close of the Civil War, by her two gentle daughters, MARY, REBECCA and LOU DERRELLE.

(Written by Mary Rebecca Wellborn, daughter of Louisa Amanda Cody, who was the only daughter of Rebecca Rogers who married Michael Cody.)

My father, JAMES MADISON WELLBORN, and MARSHALL H. WELLBORN were brothers and lived on adjoining lots in the southeastern part of Warrenton, Ga. Marshall H. Wellborn bought his lot from a Mr. Weylan and moved the house to a more conspicuous place. He planted trees on the park in front of his lot, and sent to Augusta for florist and gardeners and had a flower garden in front of the house. My

mother, who was a most superior woman, literary, and a splendid housekeeper, planted her own flower garden. She had three summer houses built, one on either side and one over the front gate. On the extreme edge of the garden there was a hedge of wild olives and beyond this an orchard of cherries on one side, and an orchard of beautiful apples on the other. My father bought the lot from Dr. Lynah, who planted the orchards of cherries and apples. My father and uncle planted a large vineyard, for the common use of the two families.

MADISON DERRELLE CODY.

Uncle DERRELLE, the youngest of the family, was born, as indeed all the others were, at the old home where their father lived and died. His first school days were spent at the Briar Creek School House. I think he afterward attended school at Warrenton, and was graduated some years later from the State University at Athens. He was small of stature, rather pale as to complexion, his hair coal-black, and he always went clean shaven.

He read a great deal and lived much to himself, but enjoyed a hunt or fish with a neighbor for company. His standard of morality was very high. He was thoroughly honest, truthful and sincere. I have heard him remark "it is very provoking" but never heard him use worse language. After the death of my grandfather, about 1832, my grandmother bought a place three miles nearer Warrenton and moved there with her children. She lived here until her death occurred 1851. Uncle Derrelle inherited these lands and held them until about 1865. A few years after his marriage he moved to Covington, Ga., and purchased the old Carr Homestead, the former home of his wife's father. It was perhaps the most conspicuous location in Covington, situated as it was on the brow of a high hill, westward. A row of stately Lombardy poplars surrounded the commodious dwelling, then large fruit orchards, and beyond these cultivated fields and meadows. His wife was a beautiful and charming woman. They reared one son, CLAUDE CARR, who was graduated at Oxford, Ga., about 1874, and is at this

time Dean of Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas.

In politics, Uncle DERRELLE was a strong supporter of Alexander H. Stephens, and correspondence between the two men is still carefully preserved by his only son.

When in 1860, a convention was called to meet in Savannah for the purpose of determining what course the State would pursue in the matter of secession, he, with Mr. Nat Wicker, were chosen as delegates to represent Warren County.

The year before my father's last marriage, about 1859, was spent in the home of Uncle DERRELLE and Aunt FANNIE. I attended school at Briar Creek, the same place that my father had about twenty-five years before. He always kept a fine rifle and I enjoyed accompanying him in strolls over the plantation when he would occasionally bring down a hawk, a squirrel, or other game. Aunt Marshy, the cook, was famous in her line; I can never forget her "Sally Lunn" and barbecued lamb. A beautiful chafing dish was often seen upon the table, filled with steaming oysters. A young negro woman, Laura, had been supplied by my father to attend my sisters' wants, but the housemaid, Caroline, was my favorite, as she was a good story teller. I have since recognized many of her stories in the writings of "Uncle Remus."

(Extract from Texas Houston Post.)

CLAUDE CARR CODY, A. M. PH. D.

CLAUDE CARR CODY, A. M., PH. D., Dean of the Academic Department, was born in Covington, Ga., and was educated at Emory College, receiving his A. A. degree with first honors in 1875, and later both A. M. and Ph. D. He was elected to the Chair of Mathematics at Southwestern University January 20, 1879, which gives him the longest continuous record as a college professor of any man now living in Texas. In 1898 he took special work in mathematics at Cornell University. Dr. CODY is the author of several books. His "Life of Dr. Mood" is a treasured volume in the library of many a Methodist home, and his "Elements of Plane and Solid Geometry" is also a widely known, practical text-book. From his long association with the noble founder, Dr. Mood, he knows more of the history of Southwestern University, its work and growth than any other man now connected with the institution. He knows personally every member of the student body and is the confident of both boys and girls.

In his more than thirty-five years of active service, he has by his lovely Christian character, exercised a tremendous influence for good upon the lives of all with whom he has been associated. In his various official positions as Dean of the Faculty, President of the Ladies' Annex, Manager of Giddings Hall, Dean of Summer Schools, and Secretary of the Executive Committee, he has become closely related to every student in the school, all of whom love and honor him for his sterling character and lovable disposition. He is known among the ten thousands as "Cody—the friend of the Boys and Girls." Some time ago a movement was started among the old students and friends to raise a fund to permanently endow the Chair of Mathematics at Southwestern University in his honor. The fund is growing steadily and all old students seem anxious to direct their subscriptions to this fund. It has now reached encouraging figures, and there is no doubt but that the full amount of \$50,000 00 will be raised by the end of the year. It is fitting that this recognition of his distinguished services should be taken while he is still active in his work, and can enjoy the gratifying results of his long continued service.

JEPHTHA MELTON CODY.

My father, Dr. J. M. CODY, was six feet tall and weighed about one hundred and fifty pounds. Measured by the standard of true merit, I believe there are few men who would be entitled to pre-eminence. He was modest, unassuming, honest, just and brave, possessed of high moral character, a keen intellect, and good judgment in matters of business.

He received his rudimentary education at Briar Creek Academy, the location being on the old stage road, four miles east of Warrenton. He was afterward sent to the private school of Rev. Otis Smith, near LaGrange, but remained here only a short time, and then completed his literary education at Mercer University, which was then located at Penfield, Ga. He afterward took a medical course at Augusta, and then at Philadelphia.

About 1834, my grandmother purchased a home two miles east of Warrenton, after this my father also bought one adjoining, a half mile east of his mother's, both immediately on the old Federal road.

It was here that the writer first drew the breath of life, February 11, 1849, and here my young mother breathed her last, October 26, 1849. He sold this property after her death and as far back as the writer can remember, it has been the home of Newton Gunn.

The house is a two-story with six rooms, and located on the brow of a hill that recedes from this point eastward to a small creek. He was living at Warrenton, Ga., when on March 11, 1851, he was married to Miss Amanda Malvina Carr, his second wife. She was a most estimable woman, and a sister of Aunt Fannie, Uncle Derrelle's wife. They were reared at Covington, Ga.

A year or so after this event he moved to Covington and improved a place on the high hill between the depot and the creek, but not being pleased with this location, sold it, and and bought a home just west of the Methodist Church.

My stepmother died here January 21, 1858, and he then sold this place. She left two little girls, FRANCES and MARY REBECCA.

About the beginning of the Civil War he married Miss Julia A. Latimer, who survived him. Her only son, JEPHTHA BENJAMIN, married Hattie Jewell, of Jewell, Ga. They always lived at this place. They have no children.

At the time of this last marriage he again built a home, bought a ten-acre lot southeast of the bridge on Depot street, one corner of the lot touching the bridge. The house was commodious, strongly built, and set back some distance from the street. There was a nice meadow of several acres extending almost to the creek. Depot street was the western boundary of the lot, this street being the main throughfare from Covington to Oxford. He owned a plantation of about one thousand acres, located northeast of Covington on Cornish Creek. This place was the home of his negro servants, about sixty in number. He was a humane master, just and considerate in dealing with them. I was fifteen years of age at the time of his death. I have no knowledge of his ever having visited corporal punishment upon one of these negroes excepting in one instance, when he boxed the ears of a girl nurse for frightening my sisters with a ghost story. He was a good disciplinarian, however, and his successful management was due to the fact of his being kind to the negroes, and at the same time possessing that firmness and decision of character that commanded their respect and obedience. They were supplied with a sufficiency of nourishing

food and coarse clothing, dry houses, fuel, attention if sick, and only a reasonable amount of labor exacted.

Some of these negroes had been his playmates in childhood, and a strong attachment existed between them.

Although fifteen years of age when his death occurred, I cannot recall that I was ever punished by him for misconduct, or having been informed by him as to the right and wrong of any matter, and still I believe that I had as clear ideas of right and wrong and the proprieties of life as any boy of my age could possibly have. I think he, like Æsop's crab, believed youth was best taught by example. I never saw any whiskey in our home, neither did I ever know of his having taken a drink, or of his being in any place where intoxicants were sold. I am quite sure that I never heard him give expression to his views on this subject, excepting upon one occasion, and only this far: I heard a friend say to him, "I think I will get a gallon of whiskey and take a small drink two or three times daily, I believe it would be beneficial to me," and my father replied in a pleasant way and advised him not to do so. As a boy ten years of age, I distinctly remember my impressions of a place where whiskey was kept for sale; I regarded it as a place of low resort kept and patronized by second class people, and while I sometimes saw men of good reputation go in and out, because of this fact, they were classed lower by me than they otherwise would have been.

MY MOTHER

Whose name appears elsewhere, was described to me by one of the old family servants as a "putty little black-eyed 'oman," and this description was doubtless honest and correct so far as it went. She had dark, fine hair, small feet, florid complexion and weighed about one hundred pounds.

Pretty little black eyes, that seemed to be laughing, were peculiar to this family, and from having seen them in other members, I can easily imagine hers.

I regret that I know so little of my mother, but as she died young herself and when I was only nine months of age, and this coupled with the fact that my father married about two years afterward and moved to Covington, Ga., my opportunities for learning of her were limited.

A little circumstances occurred at Warrenton that I will relate: When I was about eight years of age I chanced to meet my grandmother's brother, Judge James Thomas, who was at this time holding court there. He asked me what my mother's name was; I do not know why he put this question and felt mortified when I replied that it was either Eliza Missouri, or Missouri Eliza, but I could not say which. He was a stern matter of fact man, and I heard afterwards of his lecturing some members of the family about their negligence in this matter.

In church affiliation she was a Baptist, as all her family were. Her death occurred October the twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and forty nine, and she was laid to rest in the Cody graveyard, which is located near the original home of my Grandfather Cody where he lived and died. Her grave is marked by a marble slab.

DEATHS.

1	JAMES CODY	1795
1	SARAH WOMACK, wife of James Cody	1795
2	MICHAEL CODY March 8,	1832
2	REBECCA ROGERS, wife of Michael Cody December 5,	1851
3	TEMPERANCE SOPHRONIA CODY September 20,	1822
3	DR. JEPHTHA MELTON CODY January 21,	1864
3	MISSOURI ELIZA CHEELEY, wife of Dr. J. M. Cody, October 26,	1849
3	JAMES M. WELBORN July 5,	1889
3	LOUISA AMANDA CODY, wife of J. M. Welborn, ... October 26,	1862
3	MADISON DERRELLE CODY January 25,	1875
3	FANNIE CARR, wife of M. D. Cody August 28,	1872
3	MARION MICHAEL CODY June 23,	1901
3	RACHAEL CODY, wife of M. M. Cody January 16,	1894
4	MARY REBECCA CODY December 25,	1879
4	ELODIE VIRGINIA PATTISON, wife of L. L. Gody . February 13,	1911
5	CLAUDE CAMPBELL CODY October 11,	1909

THE CODY GRAVEYARD.

It was very common at this period in which my grandfather lived, to have the family burying-ground located near the home, though I am unable to say whether he was first to improvise this place, or whether it had been used by others previously. The land here and for some distance around is level, or gently undulating. Much of the land

owned by Uncle Marion was sold, but this part upon which the graveyard is located, is still owned by members of the family. The old dwelling, which has now disappeared, was located near in a northeasterly direction, and upon the apex of a ridge that receded gently in every direction.

I notice that in some writings of Uncle Derrelle, he states that his father's first land purchase was from a Mr. Freeman, but this place located in the northeast corner of his plantation, was afterward rented by a family named Smith, who lived here some years as tenants, and was always called "the Smith Place."

The following inscriptions appear at this time upon the stones in the graveyard:

"RACHAEL CODY, wife of Marion Cody, born October 7, 1823; died January 16, 1894.

"A light from our household has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled—
A place is vacant in our hearts
That never can be filled."

"In memory of SARAH THEODOSIA FELTS, wife of Geo. W. Felts, born November 17, 1859; died October 9, 1906."

"A devoted wife and loving mother."

1. "In memory of MARY CODY, wife of Michael Cody, who departed this life July 8, 1816 aged fifty-two years."
2. "In memory of MICHAEL CODY, who departed this life forty-eight minutes past six o'clock p. m., 8th of March, A. D., 1832, aged sixty-three years, eight months and fourteen days."
3. "Sacred to the memory of REBECCA CODY, relict of Michael Cody, born January 8, 1786; died December 5, 1851.
4. "Sacred to the memory of Mrs. MISSOURI CODY, who departed this life October 26, 1849, aged twenty-two years.
5. "Sacred to the memory of CHARLES F. CODY, son of J. M. Cody and M. E. Cody, who departed this life October 5, 1846, aged 11 months.
6. MARY, daughter to Jephtha and Amanda Cody, born February 11, 1852; died December 23, 1878."

"Only Sleeping."

7. "In memory of JAMES M. WELLBORN, born November 3, 1809; died July 5, 1889."

“Asleep in Jesus.”

8. “In memory of LOUISA AMANDA, wife of James M. Wellborn and daughter of Michael and Rebecca Cody, born August 5, 1820; died October 26, 1862.”
9. “TAYLOR CODY, born October 4, 1850; died November 17, 1881.
“You are not dead to us, but as a bright star unseen.
We hold that you are ever near, though death intrudes between.”
10. “MARION M. CODY, born December 3, 1818; died June 23, 1901.
“He followed virtue as his true guide—
Lived as a Christian; as a Christian died;”

CODY.

By L. L. CODY.

The southern branch of the family are greatly indebted to Miss Sarah D. Hubert for her complete genealogical record, compiled during many years and published in 1902.

She commences with the time when James Cody and his wife Sarah Womack landed in Virginia, about 1735 or 1740. She says they were from County Kilkenny, Ireland, and makes this note: “Tradition says that the father of James was an Archdeacon in Ireland.” There was curiosity on the part of some, to know the reality of this tradition, and one member of the family who spent much time in Europe, visited Dublin Castle, where the public records are kept, and had a synopsis of the family history made, and also a copy of the coat of arms. (Following these prefatory remarks the text of the Dublin extract is given in full.)

It will be apparent to the reader that “Archdeacon” is not an official title, as here used, but the name of a family, or clan.

They were of Norman origin, and as such were called “MacOdo L’ Ercedekne,” translated “Archdeacon,” afterward “McCody,” and finally “Cody.”

Coparceners—Those who inherit lands in common.

Sept—A Clan or family from a common progenitor.

Bawn—A walled enclosure. Bulwark. Large house.

Moiety—One of two equal parts.

COPY.

The family of the Archdeacon became known among the Irish by the alias of McCody, which is a corruption of Mac-Odo (from Odo) L'Ercedekne or Archdeacon, the founder of the family in Kilkenny, who was among the first Norman settlers in the County, and was flourishing in the early part of the thirteenth century, when his name appears frequently as a witness to Deeds and Charters. I know of no ground for supposing that the Archdeacons belonged to the Macgillycuddy branch of the O'Sullivan family, as stated by the Rev. W. Healy in the "History and Antiquities of Kilkenny" (p. 124) without some explanation of how they came to settle in Kilkenny. The arms of the Archdeacon family, which are the same as those borne by the branches which remained in England, clearly point to their Norman origin, coupled with the fact that in the Norman settlements in Ireland several members of the family occupied prominent positions. Sir Stephen L' Ercedekne (probably the son of Odo, the first of the name in Kilkenny), by his marriage with one of the daughters and co-heirs of Thomas Fitz Anthony, Seneschal of Leinster, the founder of Thomastown, acquired lands in that Manor, apparently a portion of the ancient Manor of Ogenti. William de Dene is returned as Tenant of Ogenti, in the oldest list of the feudal tenants of the County, that made in 1247, and the name of Archdeacon or Ercedekne, does not appear. But in the partition made between the Earl of Gloucester's heirs in 1320, Ogenti was held jointly by Thomas de Dene and Sir Richard L'Ercedekne. According to an inquisition taken the 13th of January, 1613, at the Black Abbey to find the estate of Thomas Archer Fitz Walter, the jury found that Thomas Dene and the heirs of Richard Archdeacon, otherwise McCody, were coparceners of the Manor of Thomaston, lately by partition called the Manor of Grenan and the Manor of Dangin. The former Manor was held by Dene and the latter by Archdeacon. Peter or Piers McCody, alias Archdeacon is described as of Fasogoe Gowley in Rathpatrick. He was the son of Thomas, son of Redmond, son of John Archdeacon, of Bawnballinlogh, and succeeded as head of the family his second cousin, Richard Archdeacon,

alias McOdo, Lord of the Manor of Bawnmore, who died on the 3rd day of October, 1617, leaving three daughters but no male issue.

The Manor of Bawnmore was subsequently conveyed to the Bryan family.

As the "whole sept of the Codies" were said to be among the insurgents who plundered the City of Kilkenny, in 1641, Peter (Piers) Archdeacon himself probably came in for a share of the blame he did not deserve.

From the Book of Orders on Process it appears that Piers (Peter) Archdeacon entered an action against John Bryan, of Bawnmore, Esquire, on the 22nd of October, 1646, which probably arose out of the fact that the Archdeacons were formerly Lords of that Manor.

Piers Archdeacon of Rathpatrick, appears in the list of those who supported the efforts to make peace while not openly opposing the Nuncio. His son, Richard Archdeacon, of Bawnballenlogh, was transplanted with sixteen others in 1652, as was also Peter Archdeacon, of the same place, who may have been another son, or is perhaps the same Peter himself.

The extent of the estate forfeited by Peter Archdeacon or Pierce Cody, as appears under both names in the Down Survey, was 1136 acres, in the Baronies of Galmoy and Gowran. On the lands of Kilmurry which he held in the latter Barony, was a Castle in repaid. His son Richard at the same time forfeited Bawnballenlogh containing 353 acres and upon it a thatched house, a bawn and some cabins. This plainly contradicts the tradition related by O'Sullivan and O'Donovan, that Piers McCody got from Cromwell in lieu of some services rendered, as much land as he could see from a certain place and position, and that the spot from which he took his view is the little eminence on which the Protestant Church of Eirke stands. The tradition probably relates to some event much older than the time of Cromwell, whose name was brought into it in more recent times. Peter Archdeacon was evidently dead before the Restoration so he could not have forfeited his estate, as O'Donovan states, in 1691. But while the Archdeacons do not appear to have met with any

consideration from Cromwell, they managed to secure the favor of Charles II. A King's letter dated the tenth of April, 1661, directs Richard Archdeacon, of Bawnballenlogh, in the County of Kilkenny, Gent, son of Peter Archdeacon of Rathpatrick, to be restored. The only result of this was, however, that he obtained a Grant under the Act of Settlement of a moiety of Killeteomes, alias Killjames (which formed a part of his fathers's estate) in the Parish of Collumbkill, in the Barony of Gowran, containing 149 acres, 2 roods plantations measure (242 acres and 27 perches statute) to hold at the quit rent of L. 3.3.6- $\frac{1}{2}$, the Patent bearing the date of 4th of July, 1667. It is most likely that it was a son of this Richard, named Piers, who forfeited the estate in 1691, and from whose eldest son Patrick, who settled at Tinahua, near Kilmacow, O'Donovan's grandmother was descended.

Another branch of the Archdeacon family was transplanted to Galway where they flourished down to the present century. Persons of the name were numerous in both the County and the City where James Archdeacon was one of the leading merchants at the time the Rebellion in 1641 broke out. He was one of those who were plundered in the general riot. He was Mayor of the City for 1649-50, and opened the negotiations with Cromwell for its surrender. His daughter, Catherine, married Edward Roth Fitz Peter, grand-nephew of David Rothe, who during the period of the commotions was Roman Catholic Bishop of Ossory, and was mother of Michael Rothe who followed James II. to France and became a Lieutenant General in the French service, a Knight Commander of the Military Order of St. Louis, and and Colonel of Rothe's Regiment.

MARRIAGES

- 1 James Cody
- 1 Sarah Womack
- 2 Michael Cody
- 2 Rebecca Rogers
- 3 Marion M. Cody
- 3 Rachael English

- 3 Amanda Louisa Cody
- 3 James M. Wellborn
- 3 Jephthah Milton Cody
- 3 Missouri Eliza Cheely
- 3 Madison Derrelle Cody
- 3 Frances Carr
- 4 Anna Louisa Cody
- 4 Nathaniel H. Coleman
- 4 Lucilius Lewis Cody
- 4 Elodie Virginia Pattison

WOMACK

- 1 SHERWOOD WOMACK, married Nancy Rogers.
 - 2 WYLEY WOMACK, married Amelia Byrom.
 - 2 MITCHELL WOMACK, married Mary McCamie.
 - 2 SHERWOOD WOMACK, married Emily Smith (sister of Rev. Otis Smith.)
 - 2 MARTHA WOMACK, married Rev. Otis Smith.
 - 2 LUCRETIA WOMACK, married (1) Dr. Brown, (2) Dr. Marcus.
 - 2 MAHALA WOMACK, married Dr. N. N. Smith of La-Grange, Ga.
 - 2 JANE WOMACK, married Cullen Rogers.
 - 2 NANCY WOMACK, married Davis McFarland.
 - 2 REBECCA WOMACK, married Lewis Hines.
 - 2 SUSAN WOMACK, married Ladd Newsome.
 - 1 SICILY WOMACK, married Harris McFarland. Lived on "Luckett Place" near Barnette, Ga.
 - 2 HELEN WOMACK, married Micajah Rogers. She was buried on the "Luckett Place" near Barrett, Ga. Micajah Rogers represented Warren Co. in 1837-38.
- SICILY WOMACK, (1) and SARAH WOMACK (1) were sisters of Sherwood Womack (1).
- SARAH WOMACK (1), married James Cody (1).
- REV. OTIS SMITH was at one time President of Mercer University.

LOCKETT.

By L. L. CODY.

Among the early settlers of Wilkes County, Ga., were two brothers, THOMAS and SOLOMON LOCKETT. The date of their birth must have been some years prior to the Revolutionary War. No attempt has been made to trace the family history further back. The section in which they lived is now embraced in Warren County, Ga.

SOLOMON LOCKETT.

SOLOMON LOCKETT was a wealthy and substantial citizen who lived on Williams Creek in the extreme northern portion of Warren County, Ga.

According to statement of Mrs. W. E. H. Searcy, Sr., who was daughter of Rebecca Rogers, who was daughter of WARREN LOCKETT, who was son of SOLOMON LOCKETT, his wife's maiden name was Martha Alford, familiarly called "Patsy."

SOLOMON LOCKETT must have been born ten or fifteen years prior to the Revolutionary War, but of the exact date there is no record. Nothing is know of his antecedents or the date of his arrival here; neither have I been able to ascertain the date of his marriage. The old residence of the Lockett family has in recent years been demolished. At no great distance away the Williams Creek Baptist Church was located, as was also "Amsden Academy." This last derived its appellation from a Mr. Amsden, one of its early tutors. The church was doubtless established by the earliest settlers of this section.

The Trustees of Amsden Academy in 1827 were:

Solomon Lockett	Joseph Hill
Thomas Persons	Henry Heath
Jethro Darden	Edwin Baker
	Reuben Rogers

SOLOMON LOCKETT had three sons, URIAH, WARREN and DR. CULLEN; one daughter, CYNTHIA. The descendants of these in direct line are given in my genealogy of the Lockett family.

WARREN LOCKETT married Eliza Ficklin, daughter of Barnett Ficklin, whose wife was a Miss Abercrombie. He died young, leaving his widow and their only child, REBECCA, well provided for. She afterward married Henry Gibson, son of a prominent citizen, Col. Churchill Gibson, by whom she had children, two that we know of, Epsy and Thomas.

Eliza Ficklin as a girl, was described as a handsome blonde. She had, that we know of, three sisters, Adeline, who married Dr. Lynah; Caroline, who married Thomas Wheeler, and Emeline, who married Wingfield Wright. The two beautiful homes of the Lynahs and Wheelers I have often seen myself, situated on the old Federal Road, between Warrenton and Mayfield.

THOMAS LOCKETT

THOMAS LOCKETT lived in the southern part of Warren County until his death occurred in 1842. His old home, situated on Rocky Comfort Creek, is still known as the "Lockett Place." His family moved to Marion County, Ga., but after several years of residence there, all excepting Cullen R. removed to Texas, and settled near Cleburne. Nothing is known of his family by his first wife. His second wife, Temperance Rogers, was the daughter of Reuben Rogers, Sr. She died at Buena Vista in 1846. Cullen Rogers Lockett, their oldest son, returned to Warren County. He was born February 26, 1814. He was once Sheriff of Marion County.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS LOCKETT AND TEMPERANCE ROGERS

- 2 CULLEN ROGERS LOCKETT, married Harriet Ivy.
- 2 REUBEN LOCKETT
- 2 THOMAS LOCKETT, married Mary Anne Cheeley.
- 2 SOLOMON LOCKETT.
- 2 CHLOE LOCKETT.
- 2 BETSY LOCKETT.
- 2 REBECCA LOCKETT, married John Johnson.

CHILDREN OF CULLEN ROGERS LOCKETT
AND HARRIET IVY

- 3 SENNIE LOCKETT, married Thomas Hinton.
- 3 THOMAS SOLOMON LOCKETT, married Vicie Smith.
- 3 SUSAN LOCKETT, married Seaborn Jones.
- 3 CHLOE MARTHA LOCKETT, married Geo. M. Guy.
- 3 MARY LOCKETT, married Ezekiel Matthews.
- 3 SANSEL LOCKETT, married Marshall Harrison.
- 3 CLARA LOCKETT, married Richard Walden.
- 3 ABNER J. LOCKETT, married Mary Jones.

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